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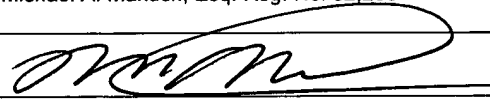
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

A response to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2003 is being timely filed by the due date.

The Office Action of January 17, 2003 detailed that claims 1-3 were rejected. In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 and added new claims 4-8. Claim 1 was amended to clarify the nature of the invention by specifying the volume of 5.04 μm or smaller toner particles in the initial toner to address the Examiner's 112 concerns.

Applicants request reconsideration of the Office Action.